

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims replaces all prior listings of claims in the application:

1-20. (Canceled)

21. (Currently amended) A method for reducing allergy comprising orally administering, to a subject in need of such reduction, an effective dose of an antiallergenic agent comprising, as an active ingredient, lactic acid bacteria of the strain *Lactobacillus acidophilus* CL92 (deposited at International Patent Organism Depository, FERM BP-4981).

22. (Canceled)

23. (New) The method of claim 21, wherein administration of the lactic acid bacteria reduces elevated antigen-specific IgE levels in blood without significant difference in total IgG level.